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SUBJ: CCMS: ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY - EGEBERG MEETING
WITH GERMAN UNDERSECRETARY OF HEALTH

1. ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28, DR. ROGER O. EGEBERG, SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CCMS ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY, MET WITH DR. HANS GEORG WOLTERS, UNDERSECRETARY OF HEALTH IN THE FRG MINISTRY OF YOUTH, FAMILY AND HEALTH. THEY DISCUSSED, INTER ALIA, THE STATUS OF THE HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE FRG'S PARTICIPATION.

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2. DR. EGEBERG INQUIRED ABOUT GERMANY'S INTENTIONS REGARDING THE

LEADERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZED AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES (OAHS) PROJECT. DR. WOLTERS REAFFIRMED THAT DR. MANGER-KOENIG WILL SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT. HE TOLD EGEBERG, HOWEVER, THAT DR. MANGER-KOENIG IS NO LONGER WITH THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH, FAMILY AND HEALTH. HE SAID THAT MANGER-KOENIG IS UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE MINISTRY TO DO SOME WORK IN CONNECTION WITH WHO AND TO LEAD THE OAHS PROJECT. DR. EGEBERG THEN ADVISED DR. WOLTERS THAT NEITHER HE NOR DR. GILBERT BARNHART, THE U.S. TECHNICAL EXPERT TO THE OAHS PROJECT, HAD HEARD FROM DR. MANGER-KOENIG SINCE BARNHART'S OCTOBER VISIT TO GERMANY. EGEBERG SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS OF SOME CONCERN TO THE U.S. BECAUSE IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT GERMANY WOULD SEND OUT LETTERS INVITING THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO THE NEXT OAHS MEETING. IN THIS REGARD, DR. EGEBERG INDICATED THAT WE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN BERLIN. WOLTERS SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT BERLIN WAS BEING CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR THE MEETING AND INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARED AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) PROJECT, DR. EGEBERG TOLD DR. WOLTERS THAT DR. DO AMARAL OF PORTUGAL HAD AGREED TO BE THE CO-CHAIRMAN; THAT DR. SPALATIN HAD BEEN RECONFIRMED BY HIS GOVERNMENT; AND, THAT ITALY HAD INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO HOST THE NEXT EMS MEETING IN LATE FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1974. DR. EGEBERG SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD LIKE GERMANY TO CONTINUE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT. DR. WOLTERS WAS FAIRLY NONCOMMITAL EXCEPT TO SAY THAT GERMANY HAD NO DESIRE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS PROJECT AS THIS IS ITALY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

4. ON THE SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (SAHS) PROJECT, WOLTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR INTEREST AND ASKED EGEBERG TO ADVISE HIM WHEN THE U.S.-CANADA STUDY TOUR IS RESCHEDULED. DR. EGEBERG SAID THAT HE WOULD TALK TO DR. MARCELLUS, THE CANADIAN CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT, IN ABOUT A WEEK AND WOULD WRITE TO WOLTERS.

5. ON THE AUTOMATED CLINICAL LABORATORIES (ACL) PROJECT, DR. EGEBERG SAID THAT IT IS PROGRESSING WELL AND THANKED DR. WOLTERS FOR DR. DELBRUCK'S PARTICIPATION AT THE NOV. ACL MEETING.

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6. DR. EGEBERG PLANS TO CORRESPOND WITH WOLTERS AS INDICATED ABOVE. WILL KEEP EMBASSY AND DR. ZOLLER INFORMED. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FOLLOWING UP ON QUESTION OF SITE FOR NEXT ORGANIZED AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES MEETING. ALTERNATE SITE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. KISSINGER

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